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SUBJECT: GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSION ON GULF SECURITY

REF: JIDDA 5104 (NOTAL); MANAMA 765 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN ZAWAWI PORTRAYED MEETING OF GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS (REFTELS) DURING CONTEXT OF JIDDA-ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AS PRELIMINARY STAGE IN WORKING UP AGENDA FOR AN EVENTUAL GULF SUMMIT CONFERENCE. FONMINS HAVE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN DURING 30TH UNGA. LIKEWISE, CONCLAVE AT JIDDA AGREED THAT WHOLE ISSUE OF GULF COOPERATION SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN URGENT MATTER.

2. ZAWAWI STATED THAT INITIAL EFFORTS AT GULF COOPERATION NEED NOT ADDRESS SECURITY ISSUE DIRECTLY. THERE IS AMPLE SCOPE

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FOR EXPLORING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COOPERATION FIRST.

HOWEVER, COLLECTIVE DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ARTICULATED AS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE.

3. ASKED ABOUT OMANGOV'S VIEWS ON COMIDEASTFOR, ZAWAWI REPLIED THAT THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN RAISED SPECIFICALLY AT JIDDA. OMANGOV SEES COMIDEASTFOR AS COUNTERBALANCE TO SOVIET PRESENCE, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING FACILITIES IN IRAQ. SO FAR AS OMANIS ARE CONCERNED, EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF COMIDEASTFOR SHOULD BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AND SIGNIFY REMOVAL FROM AREA OF ALL "FOREIGN" FORCES.

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